



Yucca Weekly Update



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Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet.

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Independence Day Holiday Notice

City of Glendale offices, landfill and libraries will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in observance of the Independence Day holiday. [Click here](#) for more details.

order to maintain access to the neighborhood, one side of the street will be done the first day, and the remaining side on the second day. On July 5 and 6, work will be done in the area between 71st Avenue and 75th Avenue, from north of Maryland Avenue to Krall Street.

The contractor will notify the residents in the affected areas with door hangars. The schedule and maps of these two areas are also available on the city website at www.glendaleaz.com/FieldOps/streets.

Construction at Desert Mirage Park. Some park amenities may not be available to users of Desert Mirage Park at 87th and Maryland avenues.

Desert Mirage Elementary School, adjacent to the park, has started construction on a new gymnasium on the school's campus. The project will require the school to relocate the two outdoor basketball courts in the park further west. The outdoor courts construction is expected to be completed in August. The gymnasium construction will continue through February 2013. For more information about the outdoor courts, call 623-930-2691. For information about the school gymnasium, contact the Pendergast Elementary School District at 623-772-2200.

Glendale Receives New funding for safe routes program. Many Glendale students will soon experience a safer route to school, thanks to Safe Routes to School funding being awarded to Glendale's Transportation Department for the first time. Two projects will help children walk or bike to school in a better environment.

Boards and Commissions. Congratulations and many thanks to the following Yucca District Residents who were recently appointed to serve on Glendale's Boards and Commissions:

- Jessica Galbavy – Board of Adjustment
- Cherie Hudson – Community Development Advisory Committee
- Richard Schwartz as Chair – Community Development Advisory Committee
- Marshall Pimentel – Historic Preservation Commission
- Jamie Aldama as Vice Chair – Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission
- John Fernandes – Library Advisory Board
- Karen Aborne as Vice Chair – Library Advisory Board
- And me! Joyce Clark as Chair – Risk Mgmt. Worker's Compensation Trust Fund Board

Citizen involvement and input is essential to the success of local government. The city encourages you to consider submitting an application for appointment to one of Glendale's 17 boards and commissions. [Click here](#) for more information or to apply online.

Slurry Seal Program. The preparatory work, consisting of minor asphalt repairs and crack filling, of the pavement management program for this year is complete and the contractor will begin working on the slurry seal program on Monday July 2nd.

The first area will be the streets between 79th Avenue and 81st Avenue, and from Colter Avenue north to Denton Lane. This work will take 2 days, July 2nd and 3rd. In

The first project includes a sidewalk completion on Myrtle Avenue from 63rd Avenue to 66th Drive. Once this sidewalk is completed, students and parents will have a safe place to walk. The second project includes two school zone flasher systems and speed radar sign systems, which will be installed northbound and southbound on 67th Avenue at Missouri. This system helps remind drivers to slow down and reduce speed during school hours. This particular system has been proven to be an effective tool to combat speeding. In fact, in a national survey of police officers, traffic engineers, and corporate safety officials, radar speed displays were identified as the single-most effective traffic calming solution around schools, playgrounds, and neighborhood streets. (IMSA Journal November-December 2008)

The Safe Routes application was coordinated through a joint partnership between the city and Glendale Elementary School District. Both these projects will be entirely funded by federal dollars.

Separate Your Sanitation Containers by Three Feet for Better Service. Because Glendale offers both trash and recycling service on the same day, most residents are putting two containers out at the curb, but perhaps not properly. Did you know that your trash and recycling container must be three feet apart? If they aren't, it impedes the drivers' ability to pick up each container; this can result in damage to containers, and even the need for a driver to get out of the truck to set the container properly. Containers should also be placed away from other obstacles, such as mail boxes, decorative borders and cable boxes. Being mindful of separating the containers by at least three feet helps city staff provide better customer service in a more efficient manner.

Other things to remember when placing out your trash and recycling:

- Bag and tie all trash
- Recycling should be loose - not bagged
- Don't overfill your containers
- Bring containers out to the curb the night before or by 6 a.m. on collection day; put away your container by 6 a.m. the day following pick up
- Place containers out in front of your home, not the neighbors
- Proper placement at the curb allows pedestrians to walk on the sidewalk behind your container(s) with containers facing forward
- If your container is damaged, call the Sanitation Office for a replacement

For additional information, call the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/sanitation.

Social Service Agencies Receive Grant Funds Through Glendale's "From The Heart" Program. Eighteen non-profit agencies that provide essential services to the city's most vulnerable children, families and elderly residents received \$172,900 in grants from Glendale's From The Heart program.

The grants will be used to serve the community in many ways, from providing home-delivered meals and home medical equipment to senior citizens to providing emergency programs for victims of domestic violence.

The money distributed to the social service agencies last week was raised through Glendale's From The Heart program, which enables residents and businesses to add \$1 to their city utility bills each month or make one-time donations.

Agencies receiving grant funds this year included the Alzheimer's Association - Desert Southwest Chapter – \$10,000, Back To School Clothing Drive Association – \$10,000, Boys & Girls Club of Metropolitan Phoenix – \$10,000, Central Arizona Shelter Services – \$12,500, Community Legal Services – \$10,000, Duet-Partners in Health & Aging – \$5,000 and First United Methodist Church of Glendale – \$10,000.

Other agencies receiving funds were Gabriel's Angels – \$5,000, Jewish Family and Children's Services – \$5,000, A New Leaf – \$6,000, New Life Center – \$10,000, One Step Beyond – \$5,500, St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance – \$12,500, Society of St. Vincent de Paul – \$15,000, Salvation Army Glendale Corps – \$6,000, Sojourner Center – \$8,900, Solecito Services – \$15,000 and YWCA of Maricopa County – \$16,500.

Money collected from the program is distributed annually to local social service agencies through a grant application and selection process. The main criteria to receive funding is that the agencies must provide services to Glendale residents that promote the positive development of youth, strengthen families and assist citizens of all ages in addressing urgent needs.

Since From The Heart began in 1997, more than \$2.4 million has been collected and distributed to non-profit agencies serving Glendale residents. For more information on Glendale's From The Heart program, [click here](#).

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